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MONTANA LEGISLATIVE
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Candidate Selection Committee
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Montana Legislature
P.O. Box 201706
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Dear Sirs:

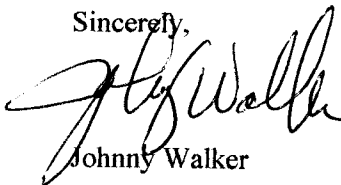
I would like to respectfully submit my name for consideration as a candidate for the upcoming position of Montana Commissioner of Political Practices.

I would like to briefly summarize my experience and background for this position and you will find, accompanying this letter, a detailed resume outlining my entire work experience in both the public and private sectors. I recently retired from a career in law enforcement as the Resident Agent in Charge of the Department of Homeland Security's criminal investigative division here in Montana, based in Great Falls. Prior to that job, I was the head of the criminal investigative division of the U.S. Customs Service in Montana, also based in Great Falls. In both positions, I was responsible for the oversight of all criminal investigations conducted by those departments. I supervised the Special Agents, intelligence officers, and administrative personnel assigned to offices in Great Falls, Billings, Helena and Kalispell. I have extensive training in investigative techniques and procedures from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. I was also trained and certified as an administrative investigative "Fact Finder" by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Professional Responsibility. I have personally conducted countless criminal and administrative investigations during my law enforcement career.

I am familiar with the political processes and campaign laws overseen by the office of the Commissioner of Political Practices as I just completed an unsuccessful effort to become a Cascade County Commissioner. During my campaign, I worked with the office of the Commissioner of Political Practices in making sure that my campaign met all pertinent laws in Montana. I am pleased to state that I have many friends from both political parties presently in the Montana State Legislature and I believe that my demonstrated abilities to function effectively on both sides of the aisle, throughout the state, will definitely assist me should I be successful in attaining this position.

I thank you for your consideration in this process and please feel free to contact me at any time at (406) 788-0340, or walkerraic@aol.com should you require any clarifications or further information.

Sincerely,



Johnny Walker

Enclosure: (1)

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Country of citizenship: United States of America

Veterans' Preference: No

Contact Current Employer: NA

AVAILABILITY

Job Type: Permanent

Temporary

Work Schedule: Full Time

Desired Work Environment

Experienced Professionals

DESIRED LOCATIONS

Helena, Montana

WORK EXPERIENCE

**Departement of Homeland Security
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
(ICE) and U.S. Customs Service Office of
Investigations
Great Falls, Montana US**

4/1998 - 2/2009

Hours per week: 50-60

Resident Agent in Charge , 1811

I supervised the enforcement and administrative activities of an office consisting of 12 investigative and support personnel and a Resident Agent (RA) office consisting of 2 investigative personnel. As the senior manager for ICE in Montana, I also supervised two other Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) investigative offices in Montana, containing 12 investigative and support personnel, due to long term vacancies in their respective RAC positions. In 1999, as the head of U.S. Customs Investigations in Montana, I initiated and implemented a three year long headquarters approved Strategic Problem Solving (SPS) project "Operation Backroads", which involved the establishment of a multi agency (U.S. and Canadian law enforcement entities) cooperative approach to combat cross border illegal activities along the border in Montana by conducting intelligence driven tactical operations that resulted in multiple seizures of narcotics, firearms and currency and arrests of multiple violators. In September of 2001, this operation was acknowledged by HQ as an outstanding example of a successfully developed SPS program. In August of 2000 during one of these operations, three U.S. citizens were arrested in a remote area of NW Montana attempting to smuggle marijuana from Canada. The initial investigation led to further indictments of three more defendants. Upon the transfer of the original case agent, I personally took over the investigation and, while supervising multiple offices, I continued the narcotics smuggling conspiracy investigation which resulted in the identification of over thirty organization members in both Canada and the U.S. This investigation resulted in the documentation of narcotics smuggling loads from Western Washington to Maine and the indictment, and/or arrest and conviction of approximately 25 organization members. This is the largest narcotics smuggling conspiracy investigation prosecuted, to date, within the District of Montana.

This investigation and multiple other successes of Operation Backroads directly led to the opening of a new RAC office in Kalispell, Montana to combat the illegal trends documented by the operation.

I supervised the transition into DHS of the legacy Customs personnel in Montana and oversaw the eventual cross training of those personnel in the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) computer system, ENFORCE and the Immigration and Naturalization Act. I conducted officer survival and tactics training with new special agent personnel assigned from the academy to offices in Montana. Being short of senior personnel, I also acted as Field Training Officer to two new special agents assigned to the RAC/GF office. I been trained by Office of Professional Responsibility to conduct internal Management Referral investigations and have conducted same within the SAC/DE area of responsibility on multiple occasions. (Contact Supervisor: Yes, Supervisor's Name: Mike Masto, DSAC: Supervisor's Phone: 813-357-7004

**United States Customs Service
McAllen, Texas US**

2/1994 - 4/1998

Hours per week: 60

Group Supervisor , 1811

I supervised the daily investigative activities of a group of 10-12 special agents in one of the busiest border offices in the Customs Service. I instructed and mentored new special agents in the various investigative areas enforced by the USCS. In an era of tenuous working relationships with DEA, I reached out to the McAllen DEA management and initiated a cooperative, mutually respectful, working relationship regarding all narcotics smuggling investigations in the RAC/McAllen area of responsibility (AOR) that set a precedent for offices in the Rio Grande area of Texas at that time. I was also tasked with establishing and supervising a new commercial fraud initiative and developed a case for loss of duties that resulted in a corporate fine of over \$1,000,000, which was the first recovery of its kind in the Resident Agent in Charge, McAllen AOR. (Contact Supervisor: Yes, Supervisor's Name: Retired)

**United States Customs Service
McAllen, Texas**

1/1987 - 2/1994

Hours per week: 60-70

Senior Special Agent , 1811

I conducted multiple complex investigations involving drug smuggling, money laundering, commercial fraud, etc. that resulted in multiple seizures/indictments/arrests and convictions. As a GS-09, I initiated a two year drug and money laundering investigation into a large scale, international marijuana smuggling organization that eventually resulted in the indictments of 51 organization members from the suppliers in Mexico to the mid level distributors in Florida. This was the largest number of indictments obtained from an investigation in the RAC/MC area of responsibility at that time and the investigation effectively dismantled the entire organization. Regarding the same case, I also personally drafted seizure warrants that resulted in the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles and residences worth in excess of \$750,000.00. I excelled in the ability to develop mutually effective working relationships with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies that led to cases resulting in multiple seizures/arrests/indictments and convictions of criminals and their organizations. I volunteered and attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterrey, California for Spanish Language training in order to improve my capabilities in working investigations in the South Texas border area. I volunteered as a Field Training Officer in order to mentor new special agents. During my tenure as a special agent in McAllen I served under the supervision of three RACs and four Group Supervisors and in those seven years as an investigative agent, I received annual ratings from them of "Outstanding" on every yearly evaluation, coupled with numerous monetary awards, for my performance. (Contact Supervisor: Yes, Supervisor's Name: All Retired)

**Montgomery County Sheriff's Department 06/1983-12/1986
Conroe, Texas**

Volunteer

Hours per week: 20-40

Deputy Sheriff/Detective

As a fully certified, non paid Deputy/Detective with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, I performed the duties of a patrol deputy and criminal investigator while maintaining full time outside employment in the oil industry. I also volunteered to serve as a field training officer for new reserve deputies. I was exposed to and am experienced in multiple facets of local law enforcement including state laws and procedures. (Contact Supervisor: Yes, Supervisor's Name: All Retired)

**Milpark, Inc
Houston, Texas**

12/1984-12/1986

Hours per week: 40-60

Technical Service Engineer

Milpark, Inc. was a supplier of drilling fluid chemicals and services to the major petroleum exploration companies. As a Technical Service Engineer, I designed detailed and highly technical drilling fluid programs for individual drilling operations by analyzing geological and historical drilling data. I provided direct supervision over drilling rig contractor personnel on exploration locations during the actual field applications of these drilling fluid programs. I was requested to and did work the most difficult jobs acquired by Milpark due to my experience level and past industry work performance. Yes, Supervisor's Name: All Retired)

Drilling Mud Specialties, Inc

03/1984- 11/1984

Houston, Texas

Hours per week: 50-60

Executive Vice President

I began work with this small, privately held business, which was in the process of marketing an experimental drilling fluid system. In July of 1984, Exxon Corporation purchased the parent company. I developed a five year business plan including financial statements and business income projections for DMS. Corporate financing was acquired and DMS was spun off as an independent entity. At that time I was named as the Executive Vice President and was in charge of negotiating supply and financing agreements with potential wholesalers of drilling fluid chemicals and I dealt with local, state and federal officials daily on subjects ranging from business permits to environmental concerns. I was responsible for the supervision of day to day business operations including drilling jobs in progress and all financial operations. A depressed industry market at the time continued and resulted in the inability to maintain corporate financial support at the required operating level to justify executive management compensation. I left the company but continued to provide services on a consulting basis.

J.W. Walker & Associates

09/1979 - 03/1984

Los Angeles, California and The Woodlands, Texas

Hours per week: 60-70

Consulting Drilling Fluid Chemical Engineer

In Los Angeles, I was retained by Milchem, Inc. a major supplier of drilling fluid chemicals and engineering services, to provide engineering services of their drilling fluids systems at both onshore and offshore drilling operations throughout California. Due to my experience level, I was the only engineer utilized on offshore drilling operations for Milchem, operations that are known in the industry to demand the highest level of technical knowledge due to the danger and extremely expensive nature of offshore drilling. In October of 1982, in response to the depression that hit the oil industry at that time, I relocated offices to The Woodlands, Texas and continued providing consulting services to various drilling fluid supply companies operating in the Gulf Coast region of Texas and Louisiana.

Eaton Drilling and Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Houston, Texas

Hours per week: 60-70

Senior Drilling Fluid Technical Engineer

Upon receipt of an offer of employment with one of the most respected engineering consulting firms in the petroleum industry, I began work on a federal contract to drill petroleum storage wells at the Department of Energy's Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Sulphur, Louisiana. I was responsible for planning and organizing chemical product acquisition and coordinating associated engineering services that were being provided to the Department of Energy (DOE) by Eaton. I was responsible for maintaining direct and personal liaison with the DOE representative during the entire operation. After the successful completion of the government contract, information was received from the DOE that, of the three drilling operations being conducted for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve at that time, the one in Sulphur, Louisiana was the only operation completed under budget and with minimal operational problems.

Dresser Magcobar
Houston, Texas

01/1975- 08/1978

Hours per week: 60-70

Senior Sales Engineer

After completing college and working in Colorado and Montana as a roughneck on petroleum drilling exploration operations, I accepted a position with Dresser Magcobar, a division of Dresser Industries, in Houston as a drilling fluid chemical engineer. My duties involved product sales, including developing and organizing complex written and oral sales presentations for executive personnel of customer companies. I designed detailed and highly technical drilling fluid programs for individual drilling operations and provided direct supervision over drilling rig contractor personnel on exploration locations during the actual field applications of these drilling fluid programs.

EDUCATION**The University of Texas****Austin, Texas US****Bachelor of Business Administration - 6/1974****Major: Finance****JOB RELATED
TRAINING**

State of Texas Basic Peace Officer Academy Certification, Conroe, Texas 1985

Officer Survival and Tactics Training, Conroe, Texas 1985

Criminal Investigator Training, Glynco, Georgia 1987

Customs Basic Investigator School, Glynco, Georgia 1987

Law Enforcement Spanish Training, Glynco, Georgia 1987

IRS Financial Investigative Techniques Course, Harlingen, Texas 1988

Defense Language Institute Spanish Language Training, Monterrey, California 1991

Customs Supervisor Training, Glynco, Georgia 1994

Customs Fraud Investigations Course, Glynco, Georgia 1995

Financial Investigations Training, San Antonio, Texas 1996

Undercover Manager's Training, Glynco, Georgia 1996

OPR Administrative Inquiry Training, Glynco, Georgia 2005

LANGUAGES**Spanish****Spoken:** Novice**Written:** Novice**Read:** Novice**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Yearly outstanding annual evaluation and/or monetary award for exceptional service in each year of employment with the U.S. Customs Service and ICE. I am experienced in computer systems such as word processing and can type 40-50 wpm. I do possess a top secret security clearance and can communicate in the Spanish language.

JOHNNY WALKER

Responses to "Questions for candidates for Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)"

1) Are you familiar with restrictions Montana law imposes upon the activities of an individual holding the office of COPP?

I am familiar with the restrictions placed by law on the COPP as stated in Montana statute 13-37-108. I know that the COPP cannot hold either another public office or occupation which conflicts with the execution of the duties of the COPP. I know that the COPP cannot participate in political activity or in a political campaign. I know that the COPP cannot contribute to any candidate or political campaign, nor can the COPP engage in any activity intended to support or oppose a candidate, political committee, or ballot issue. The COPP is precluded from attending any event held for the purpose of raising funds for or against a candidate, political committee, or ballot issue. The COPP may not participate in a matter pertaining to the commissioner's office involving a relative of the commissioner or any matter that is a conflict of interest or results in the appearance of a conflict of interest between his/her public duty and private interest pursuant to Title 2, chapter 2. I also know that the term of a COPP is limited to one six year term and that a former COPP is precluded from campaigning for political office for five years upon completion of his/her term.

2) What is your legal writing experience?

I was a state peace officer and federal special agent for a total of almost twenty-six (26) years. As both a detective and special agent, I have written hundreds of formal criminal investigative reports for use in state and federal court proceedings and countless probable cause affidavits for search, seizure and arrest warrants. I was also trained by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Professional Responsibility as a "Fact Finder" and have conducted multiple administrative investigations that required the preparation of extensive and detailed investigative reports for referral to headquarter's management for legal action.

3) Have you ever been party to a complaint filed with the COPP?

I have never been party to any complaint filed with the COPP.

4) What is your current or past involvement with either the campaign of a candidate or a ballot initiative?

During the last election cycle ending this past November, I was an unsuccessful candidate for the position of Cascade County Commissioner in Great Falls. This campaign gave me an extensive overall exposure to Montana campaign laws and the duties and responsibilities of the office of the Commissioner of Political Practices. My campaign was conducted in full compliance with all applicable campaign laws. I have not been involved in any other campaign or ballot initiative.

5) Have you been affiliated with a political party or political action committee? If yes, how will this affiliation affect your ability to render impartial decisions on complaints filed against candidates, PACs, and ballot initiatives?

Regarding my recent campaign for Cascade County Commissioner, I ran for that position on the Democratic party ticket. I became involved in the Democratic Party in March of 2010, after having retired from a career in federal law enforcement. I am not now, nor have I ever been associated with a political action committee. My affiliation with the Democratic party, through this previous campaign, would have absolutely no effect on my ability to render impartial decisions on any complaints filed with the COPP. As I stated in the answer to Question 2, I spent twenty-six (26) years in law enforcement. As a law enforcement officer I was restricted by the Hatch Act from involvement in political activities. I took an oath to uphold the law and my investigations were based solely on the accumulation of evidence in order to prove a violation "beyond a reasonable doubt". During my career I was tasked with providing security for Presidents of the United States who belonged to both political parties. The respective political affiliation of those Presidents was not important. My job was to assist in protecting them and that is exactly what I did. I have friends and acquaintances in both the Republican and Democratic parties, including many present, state legislators. As a law enforcement officer my decisions were based exclusively on the evidence obtained during my investigations. The decisions I would make, based on the investigations of complaints filed with the office of the COPP, would be exactly the same.

6) What is your opinion of the current candidate contribution limits?

I do believe that there needs to be a limit on the amount of contributions by an individual or PAC to a political campaign. The amounts of these limitations could be open for discussion, but I believe that the restrictions themselves do aid in restricting the potential for undue influence being placed on a candidate by any individual or PAC. The limits also aid in restricting the overall monetary size of a campaign "war chest" and in reality, the playing field is more level for each candidate in this regard, thereby providing more opportunities for "citizen candidates" to participate in the political process.

7) Have you or a family member been involved in the legislative process as a lobbyist?

No

8) In your opinion, do further regulations or restrictions need to be placed on lobbyists' activities?

I believe that lobbyists can provide valuable information to legislators but I also feel that lobbyists with undue influence can be detrimental to the integrity of the political process. As a prior law enforcement officer not having previously been actively involved in the political process, I would like to be able to gather more information from multiple knowledgeable parties more familiar with this issue as to their opinions on the

effectiveness of present restrictions on lobbyists. After gathering more of that type of pertinent, factual information, then I believe I would be able to make a more informed and intelligent assessment of this question.